

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT
MAJOR WILLIAM CLARK, JR.

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Command Sergeant Major William Clark, Jr. for his forty years of service to the California National Guard. Sgt. Clark has long demonstrated a commitment to this country and the state of California. Upon entering basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. in 1974, Clark's sense of honor and duty was apparent as he voluntarily enlisted during a time when the armed forces draft was still well in place during the war in Vietnam. Recognizing the importance of developing specialized trade skills while simultaneously serving in the Army, Clark trained to be a contract construction engineer. He was subsequently stationed in Fort Ord on the central coast of California where he excelled as an engineer and met his wife Laurie, who also came from a military family. While by all accounts Sgt. Clark served his country selflessly, he maintains that his wife has sacrificed more throughout their marriage.

After serving in the Army for three years, Sgt. Clark went on to start a career as a facilities engineer and eventually entered the federal workforce as a journeyman. However, as Sgt. Clark was preparing to leave active duty, a military recruiter convinced him to take a position with the National Guard. He started his National Guard service for the state of California with the 149th Armor Company, a unit he served with honorably, eventually earning the position of Platoon Sergeant. Clark continued his service by taking on various responsibilities with the California National Guard, serving as Command Sergeant Major in 1997, and eventually became "Senior Enlisted Advisor" to the Adjutant General in 2008. One of Sgt. Clark's most notable achievements came during his deployment to Kosovo with Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Gidley, the Deputy Commander of the California Army National Guard. For his service in Kosovo, Clark was awarded both the NATO Medal and Kosovo Campaign Medal. In addition to these awards, Sgt. Clark's achievements also include the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

In honor of his retirement, I would like to commend Command Sergeant Major William Clark, Jr. for his service. His local roots and long career of service and sacrifice to our country make me especially proud to recognize Sgt. Clark. His career is an example of selfless sacrifice and honor. I wish him the best in his retirement and am especially grateful for his contribution to the armed forces of the United States and the State of California.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN'S ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the 50th anniversary of the Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum.

The Anacostia Community Museum, which opened in 1976, has been a staple of the District of Columbia community. Not only has the museum served as a major cultural institution, including in highlighting the important contributions made by African Americans to D.C. and the nation, but it has also served as a pillar of educational enrichment and achievement through its Museum Academy Program. In addition, the museum's Citizen Scientist Program brings high school students and Smithsonian educators, as well as scientists, together to engage in environmental stewardship and learn more about science, technology, engineering and mathematics initiatives.

The museum also continues to be a dominant force in terms of community engagement, creating a hands-on children's room and a youth advisory council. Additionally, the museum works on a number of events and projects that focus on community restoration within Anacostia. For example, the museum recently hosted a community forum with the National Park Service to illustrate the importance of volunteering within one's community and also partnered with WTTG Fox 5 to allow visitors to participate in an urban gardening project.

Aside from its community engagement and restoration, the Anacostia Community Museum showcases various exhibits that focus on the different issues that impact urban communities, both in D.C. and nationwide. Specifically, the museum works with D.C. residents, artists, community activists, scholars, local officials and other outside organizations to cultivate carefully crafted exhibits that challenge museum visitors to think critically and enhance their museum experience.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Anacostia Community Museum, an institution that continues to remain at the forefront of addressing social and political issues that affect individuals in D.C. and the nation, as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS ON 50 YEARS,
SHERIFF CHARLES WAGNER

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brazoria County Sheriff Charles

Wagner in celebration of the 50th anniversary of his service as a law enforcement officer.

Sheriff Wagner joined the Freeport Police Department in 1967. He has worked as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, detective lieutenant and Chief of Detectives. He also served as the Chief Deputy from 1985 until taking office as Sheriff in 2005. As Sheriff of the oldest Sheriff's Office in the State of Texas, he has been an integral part of keeping the Brazoria County community safe. Our law enforcement officers risk their lives each and every day to protect our communities. Sheriff Wagner exemplifies the leadership and service that makes Brazoria County a great place to live, work and raise a family. We thank him for his service and 50 years of exceptional leadership.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I wanted again to thank Sheriff Wagner for his dedicated public service. All of Brazoria County has benefitted from his commitment to safety and we thank him. Congratulations on 50 years, Sheriff.

HONORING THE LIVES OF TONY
DEBRUM AND MATTLAN ZACHRAS

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of the remarkable lives of the Honorable Anton "Tony" deBrum and the Honorable Mattlan Zachras, both of whom led exemplary careers of public service in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and both attained high posts of trust in their country.

They were known and respected far beyond their own nation, and are remembered with fondness throughout the Pacific Island nations. I am proud and privileged to have known them and called them friends, and remember with appreciation that they were longstanding friends of my home, American Samoa. In particular, my brothers and I have known Tony like he was family since childhood when we spent some time living in the Marshall Islands.

Tony deBrum was an effective political leader for decades and a historic advocate of the national independence of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and his memory will rightly be cherished in his country as a national hero. In his illustrious government career in the Marshall Islands, he served as Minister and finally as Climate Ambassador, and he also served at different times in both the Cabinet and Nitijela (Parliament).

Likewise, Mattlan Zachras left us recently and far too soon at the age of 47. He represented Namdrik Atoll in Nitijela since 2004, worked for grassroots community development, and through his role as Minister in Assistance to President Hilda Heine was an outspoken leader at international climate meetings.

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